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Subject: Please keep up the pressure on Microsoft

Hello,

Please keep it up.

These guys have ruined and are continuing to ruin the marketplace for software developers. I'm not sure what the DOJ was thinking. Please persuade the judge to do something.

For example, their pulling of Java support from Windows XP has caused us problems as we have a Java based client.

Also based on past experience, as soon as we announce our product, they'll try to announce something similar to freeze the market.

They are simply untrustworthy. Ten years ago I wrote a driver that MS asked to distribute. We signed a contract that said it was only to be distributed with a specific product. What happened, they posted the driver on an "all comers" bulletin board and ruined that business for me.

And for what? Giving someone a reason to buy one of their overpriced bug fix upgrades?

My recommendations for penalties:

1) Break them up into multiple units, Core Operating System, Server Products (IIS, SQL-Server, etc.), Desktop Business Applications, Desktop Home Applications, Hardware (Keyboard, Mice, etc.). No non-public communication between the divisions. Require each division to port their products to one other competitive platform. Sell the Macintosh Unit to Apple.

2) "Bug's" submitted to an independent third party. Bug fixes available to meet advertised specifications available at no charge. Upgrades would then be for only new features, not bug fixes that should have been fixed for free.

3) Possibly require all current software product's source code to be made available for one year. This would stimulate competition and would allow the world to see the bugs and fix them properly.

Thanks in advance!

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